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Editorial

TRUTH, THEORY, AND DECEPTION

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The readers and editor of *People and the PURSUIT of Truth* are persons who are interested in the pursuit of truth. We seek facts, and we seek explanations of facts, and the facts we are most interested in are those where we are being systematically lied to by establishments, powerful establishments which are very successfully in control of the media in the United States.

We are told, for example, in 1965, by President Lyndon Johnson, that the communists or the reds are going to take over a friendly regime headed by a man named Ky or Thieu or somebody in South Vietnam, with whom we have an alliance. We are told that we must prevent this or the solemn commitments of the United States will not be believed. So we spend \$150 billion and the lives of 55,000 Americans, and we kill over one million Asians. Among other things, we organize an operation called Phoenix (headed by a man named William Colby of the CIA) which assassinates over 40,000 South Vietnamese who are supposedly members of the "infrastructure" op-

posing us (nice word that, "infrastructure"). We "defoliate" 15 percent of South Vietnam with chemicals (nice word that, "defoliate").

In 1975, we get booted out by the organized people of Vietnam. Thieu, the current dictator, departs for Taiwan with more than \$75 million in gold belonging to the country which he lately headed. Then, the whole subject — so terribly important for 10 years — drops completely out of sight from the media in the United States. No more talk about Vietnam at all. It becomes a "nonsubject." Amazing, isn't it?

I inquire of a dozen U.S. congressmen, "What are the lessons of Vietnam?" Three out of the 12 reply to me, saying largely nonsense. Nine do not reply.

How am I to explain these events, this orchestration of deception?

Shall I believe it just happens, like a roll of the dice? Shall I try to explain it? Shall I try to make a theory which does explain it?

The theory that I am currently using is that there exists a power-control group in the United States, that it does produce deception on a vast scale, that it is looting
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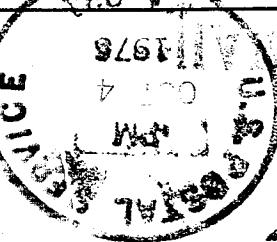
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Techniques, Weapons, and Dead Conspirators and Witnesses

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The first article, "The Takeover of America: The Power Control Group and How It Began", was published in the July 1976 issue of "People and the Pursuit of Truth".

The second article, "Covering up the Cover-Ups: The Strategy of the Nixon Pardon", was published in the August 1976 issue of "People and the Pursuit of Truth".

The article we publish in this issue is remarkable for several reasons. One of the reasons is that it strains belief. Is it really possible to murder with the skill reported here? Is it really possible to plan and organize murder as skillfully as indicated here? Even if that is really possible, is it reasonable to believe this account?

Enough has been published and stated in the regular media about the Watergate crime, Richard M. Nixon, and the actual operations of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to justify the general proposition:

A secret organization in an industrially advanced country without morals and with a sacred and money-producing cause (such as the preservation of capitalism) will do anything whatever, and apply the principle that the ends justify the means.

Among the things it will do are: investigate most thoroughly the technology of murder, and the technology of cover-up; and apply the techniques.

The Technology of Murder

One of the two fiendish strategems used by the Power Control Group to cover up the truth and to fool the people has been the use of various intelligence techniques and weapons. The outward appearance of the use of such techniques in assassination and murder is to completely cover up the real killer's presence or the real cause of death. The public is led to believe, from the moment the crime occurs, that there is either one lone madman assassin, or else that the death was an accident or due to natural causes or committed by natural enemies of the victim. Some of the techniques are so unique that they are nearly impossible for the average American to believe.

Sophistication

The intelligence forces of the U.S., as well as of other countries, have out-Bonded James Bond. The development of sophisticated methods of murder and control of humans for warfare and spying on other countries, has come home to the U.S. with great effectiveness from the P.C.G.'s viewpoint. Attempts have been made by researchers and movie makers to enlighten the citizenry, but to no avail. Penn Jones Jr. published a list of "mysterious deaths" in his series of four volumes, "Forgive My Grief." They are not widely read and many who see them scoff at Penn. Sylvia Meagher published facts about the first eighteen witnesses murdered using these techniques in her book "Accessories After the Fact" /2/. Very few people other than researchers pay any attention. Two movies with somewhat wider circulation, "Executive Action" and "The Parallax View", cover the techniques fairly well, but are considered to be fiction by most viewers. So the P.C.G. goes on murdering where and when it is necessary, and covering up the murders where necessary. In 1974 and 1976, at least two murders became necessary.

Rolando Masferrer

Rolando Masferrer, who was mentioned as a J.F.K. conspirator, became dangerous to the P.C.G., and was eliminated in early 1976 with a non-sophisticated weapon. A bomb was planted in his car in Miami. The cover up in this case merely involves planting an informer who claims Masferrer was killed by a rival anti-Castro Cuban faction in Florida /3/.

Clay Shaw

Clay Shaw became quite nervous in 1974 after Victor Marchetti's statements to the press earlier that year made it known that Shaw was a CIA contract employee and that the CIA gave him assistance and protection before his trial in New Orleans and after Jim Garrison arrested him. Shaw was murdered in New Orleans by the P.C.G. and the murder covered up by simply controlling his embalming and burial and blocking any local investigation /4/. The reason for his murder, as in David Ferrie's murder, was to keep him from talking.

Weapons Developed by the CIA

The techniques and weapons fall into several classes. First, there are sophisticated weapons developed by the CIA. An example of this is the umbrella poison dart gun used in Dealey Plaza to shoot J.F.K. in the throat. Such a weapon was postulated by Robert Cutler and the author in mid-1975 as the one that fired the first shot from near the Stemmons Freeway sign /5/. This seemed incredulous to most

observers and so wild an idea that the author and Cutler did not ever discuss it with many researchers.

Testimony of a Weapon Developer: Charles Senseney

Then Mr. Charles Senseney, a weapon developer at Fort Detrick, MD for the CIA, testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee in September 1975 and described an umbrella poison dart gun he had made/6/. He said it was always used in crowds with the umbrella open, firing through the webbing so it would not attract attention. Since it was silent, no one in the crowd could hear it and the assassin merely would fold up the umbrella and saunter away with the crowd. That is almost exactly what happened in Dealey Plaza, so that suddenly the weapon became believable. President Kennedy's reaction to the first shot had always seemed to be like a paralytic effect, with his fists clenching and his head, shoulders, and arms seeming to stiffen. There was a small entrance wound in his neck but no evidence of a bullet path through his neck and no bullet ever recovered of that small size.

Exotic Weaponry

Senseney testified that his special Operations Division at Fort Detrick had received assignments from the CIA to develop exotic weaponry. One of the weapons was a hand held dart gun that could shoot a poison dart into a guard dog to put it out of action for several hours. The dart and the poison left no trace so that examination would not reveal that the dogs had been put out of action. The CIA ordered about 50 of these weapons and used them operationally. Senseney said that the darts could have been used to kill human beings and he could not rule out the possibility that this had been done by the CIA. He said he had developed a dart launching device that looked like an umbrella.

Simulation of Heart Attack

Another technique is a special type of poison that induces a heart attack and leaves no trace of any external influence unless an autopsy is conducted to check for this particular poison. The victim apparently dies of a heart attack. The CIA revealed this poison in various accounts in the early 1970's.

Among the witnesses, important people, and conspirators who may have been eliminated this way are Clay Shaw, J. Edgar Hoover, Earlene Roberts (Oswald's landlady) and Adlai Stevenson.

The Technique of the Hypnotized or "Programmed" Assassin

A second category, already discussed in the Robert Kennedy and George Wallace shootings, is the use of a "programmed" assassin or patsy. "The Manchurian Candidate" always seemed to be a science fictional story. Now, it is well known that the CIA has used hypnosis and "programming" to achieve a number of objectives, including murder. Certainly, there is little doubt that Sirhan Sirhan was under hypnosis when he wrote in his diary and when he fired the shots in the general direction of Robert Kennedy /7/. There would also appear to be evidence that Arthur Bremer was "programmed" to shoot at George Wallace. It is conceivable that one of the assassins in Dealey Plaza could have been "programmed". A man has surfaced since 1975 who remembers under de-programming a firing situation resembling Dealey Plaza. However, it is much less likely that the P.C.G. had to use hypnosis in the J.F.K. murder.

since all of the gunmen were angry enough with J.F.K. for personal reasons to want to kill him. It is also completely untrue that Oswald was programmed, as the book "Were We Controlled?" by Lincoln Lawrence (an alias for radio commentator Art Ford) postulates /8/. The evidence shows Oswald didn't fire a shot, was on the second floor of the TSBD at the time of the shots, and was very calm until Patrolman Baker pointed his gun at him. Strangely enough, Mr. Art Ford's thesis is true. We were controlled by the P.C.G., although he had the details wrong.

The Technique of the Patsy

A third popular technique is, of course, the patsy. The P.C.G. has developed this to the level of a real science. The assassination is allowed to be obvious, but the assassin is presented as a single, madman or criminal type, acting alone. The patsies so far are either dead or languishing in prison. So the technique has been very effective. There are five of them so far, in the major cases; Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, James Earl Ray, Sirhan B. Sirhan, and Arthur Bremer. They are not all exactly alike, nor is the way in which they were used the same in each case. Oswald and Ray did not fire any shots, for example, while Sirhan, Ruby and Bremer did. Sirhan and Bremer were "programmed", whereas Ruby was talked into killing Oswald by his supposed friends in the P.C.G. Four of the five were framed, in the sense that a lot of evidence was manufactured and planted to implicate them, including fake diaries, fake photos, planted guns, bullets and shells, and men using their identities. The one who did not fit this category was Ruby. It wasn't needed in his case because he killed Oswald on live TV and believed until he died of cancer that his friends were going to get him out of jail in exchange for his patriotic act.

The Technique of the "Look-Alike"

The use of "seconds," men who looked like the patsy, and used his name, (true of Oswald, Ray and Sirhan) is a common intelligence technique. The planting of fake photos in the case of Oswald required some relatively special photographic facilities, but the job was not done well enough to avoid detection.

The Technique of the "Accidental" Death

A fourth technique is the seemingly accidental death. Many of the witnesses and conspirators have been murdered in this way. Bowers, the railroad yard control tower man who saw the real assassins behind the picket fence in Dealey Plaza, was killed by ramming his car at high speed against a concrete abutment in Dallas. He probably received an injection of some kind prior to the crash. Louis Lomax, the black author, who was getting too close to the truth in the Martin Luther King case, was killed in Arizona by forcing his car off the road after causing him to be driving at a very high rate of speed. Hale Boggs disappeared in an airplane crash that left no trace of the plane. And of course, the classic is the "accident" at Chappaquiddick.

The Technique of Death with Disguised Cause

A fifth technique is an induced death that produces another finding of the cause either by disguising the true cause or by controlling the coroner or those in charge of burial. Examples are: David Ferrie's murder by means of a karate chop to the back of his head, disguised as an embolism of the brain; Clay Shaw's murder by means unknown because

there was no autopsy and complete control of his removal and burial; Jack Ruby's supposed death by cancer in jail, real cause unknown because he was never out of the hands of the P.C.G. until he was underground.

The Technique of Apparent Suicide

Then there is the favorite sixth technique; supposed suicide. Examples of P.C.G. murders that they somehow turned into suicides are: Hank Killam, one of Ruby's dancers' husband who committed suicide by throwing himself through a plate glass window off the street in Miami; Betty Mooney, one of Ruby's girls who hung herself in her jail by using her leotard skin tights. Roger Craig, who shot himself. Jesus Crispin, who knew Sirhan, killed himself in his cell. A certain man, one of the anti-Castro, Florida Keys men, who threw himself off the top of a tall building in Miami.

The Technique of Murder but "not by" the Power Control Group

There are some on the list who were admittedly murdered, but supposedly not by the P.C.G. These include Robert Perrin, Nancy Perrin's husband. Buddy Walthers, deputy sheriff under sheriff Decker, shot by a man he was trying to arrest. Elaido Del Valle, a cohort of Ferrie, killed in Miami by an axe on the same day Ferrie was murdered. Rolando Mafferrer, blown up in his car. Eddy Benevides, shot by an unknown assailant. (He recovered). The cover-ups in each of these cases were put into effect by controlling the investigation or simply by not having one.

A Partial List of 51 Deaths Reasonably Attributable to the Power Control Group

The complete list of deaths, including eight major ones: John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Mary Jo Kopechne, Lee Harvey Oswald, David Ferrie, Jack Ruby, and Clay Shaw, numbers around 100. Here is a partial list:

1. John F. Kennedy
2. Robert Kennedy
3. Dr. Martin Luther King
4. Mary Jo Kopechne
5. Lee Harvey Oswald
6. David Ferrie
7. Jack Ruby
8. Clay Shaw
9. Buddy Walthers
10. Roger Craig
11. Elaido Del Valle
12. Rolando Mafferrer
13. Hank Killam
14. Rose Cherami
15. Congressman Hale Boggs
16. F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover
17. Louis Lomax
18. Lee Bowers Jr.
19. Jesus Crispin
20. Kim Koethe
21. Bill Hunter
22. Tom Howard
23. Earlene Roberts
24. Betty McDonald
25. Eddy Benevides
26. Robert Perrin
27. Gary Underhill
28. Bill Chesher
29. Dorothy Kilgallen
30. David Goldstein
31. Levens (first name unknown)
32. Teresa Norton
33. Warren Reynolds
34. Harold Russell
35. Marilyn Moone Walle
36. William Whaley
37. James Worrell Jr.
38. Capt. Frank Martin
39. Mrs. Earl T. Smith
40. Karyn Kupcinet
41. Albert Guy Bogard
42. Hiram Ingram
43. Nicholas Chetta
44. Mary Bledsoe
45. Judge Preston Battle
46. John M. Crawford
47. Richard Carr
48. Kathy Fullmer
49. Clyde Johnson
50. Rev. A.D.W. King
51. Carole Tyler

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THE BARRING OF JIMMY CARTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY

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In recent issues of "People and the PURSUIT of Truth", there has been some analysis of the current political campaign situation. And some concern has been expressed over the possible elimination of Jimmy Carter in such a way that he will not become president of the United States.

Obvious Ways of Removal

Most of the emphasis, however, has been placed on some of the most obvious ways in which to remove a candidate, such as those techniques in evidence over the past thirteen years. It is fairly certain that the power-control group will not resort to an Oswald-Bremer-Sirhan "lone assassin" model since the public is now far too skeptical of this rather blatant insult to common sense. It is also rather doubtful that the candidate will be murdered in any way whatsoever; the other options, such as creating a "scandal" that might damage Carter's reputation as an honest, religious man, might also fail to succeed since the public has already seen a few too many scandals of a dubious nature coming out of Washington.

More Subtle Ways of Removal

I believe that the public generally (and the readers of "PURSUIT" particularly) should give some thought to other more complex, more sophisticated ways in which to eliminate a popular candidate who might be a threat to the power-control group and the cover-ups of the numerous crimes that have been committed against the people of the U.S. It is necessary to examine carefully other methods at the disposal of the power-control group so that when the time comes, we "conspiracy nuts" can avoid being mocked for paranoia and groundless speculation over the control of America.

Fabrication of Electoral Results

Richard E. Sprague has pointed out how the entire U.S. news establishment (which actually consists only of fifteen organizations) has been successfully controlled by the CIA for at least the past thirteen years. Isn't it quite conceivable that the electoral process itself could be similarly controlled simply through the manipulation of information? Isn't it possible for the power-control group and its friends in the media to simply fabricate the election results and merely say that Ford won the race? One can't forget that President Kennedy won his election by an extremely thin margin; such a margin could be manufactured just as easily through the many resources of the power-control group and its tool, the CIA, and the public would have virtually no way of discovering what really took place. In fact, many historians and researchers believe that there have been many instances of this type of manipulation and fraud in the careers of other former presidents. There is information that Harry Truman entered politics after a petition was circulated in his home state which contained a number of names taken from gravestones.

Tampering with the Electoral Process

This type of tampering with the electoral process is one of the oldest and easiest techniques that a

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JOHN ROSELLI: HIS MURDER AND ITS IMPLICATIONS - PART 1

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The Murder of John Rosseli and Sam Giancana

On August 8, 1976, the body of organized crime figure John Rosseli was found wrapped in chains inside a 55-gallon drum floating in Biscayne Bay, Florida. It was duly noted in the press that Rosseli had been part of a 1961 scheme to assassinate Fidel Castro. Rosseli's underworld associate in the Castro plot, Sam Giancana, was himself shot and killed in his Chicago home (while under police surveillance) on July 19, 1975, several days before his scheduled appearance before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.

The Disinterest of the FBI

The murder of Rosseli prompted several members of the Select Committee, notably Frank Church and Howard Baker, to speculate that there was a connection between the deaths of Rosseli and Giancana, and their involvement in the plots against Castro. The senators urged the federal government to enter the case. Attorney General Edward Levi appeared disinclined to do so. In an appearance on CBS's "Evening News", Levi was asked by correspondent Fred Graham about possible connections between Rosseli's death and the anti-Castro plots. He responded, "I don't know Fred. You tell me when you find out."

Investigation Prodded by the Select Committee

The FBI at first would not enter the case, which had been deemed a "typical gangland slaying." But the FBI was ordered to investigate by Attorney General Levi after congressional pressure upon him. At the same time, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities began its own investigation.

For all the discussion in the press of Rosseli's involvement in CIA plots against Castro, little note was taken of the fact that Rosseli had given testimony this spring to Sen. Schweiker's subcommittee investigating the John F. Kennedy assassination. In the middle of his ill-fated drive for vice president, Schweiker confirmed that Rosseli had given testimony to his committee. Then, on August 22, 1976, the Washington "Post" published a front-page story announcing that Rosseli had linked Castro to the slaying of Kennedy.

The Assassination Information Bureau has been keeping track of Rosseli's statements for some time. It is worth examining in some detail the history of Rosseli's stated beliefs.

Rosseli, Client of Edward P. Morgan, Washington Lawyer

The full story begins sometime in 1966, when Edward P. Morgan, a prominent Washington attorney, approached columnist Jack Anderson. He gave Anderson the story that two of Morgan's clients had participated in official U.S. assassination attempts against Castro, and, through this effort, had learned of Castro's role in the Kennedy assassination. Castro had allegedly arrested an assassination team in Havana in February or March 1963, and the would-be assassins confessed under torture that they had been

hired by the CIA. Subsequently, according to Morgan's clients, Castro dispatched teams of counter-assassins to the United States.

A Motive for Castro?

The Senate Select Committee report (on the role of the intelligence agencies in the investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy) picks up the narrative in January 1967, when Anderson's boss, Drew Pearson, communicated Morgan's allegations to Chief Justice Earl Warren. Warren was alarmed by the story, especially by the implication that Castro, unbeknownst to the Warren commission, actually had a motive to retaliate against Kennedy. The chief justice immediately informed James Rowley, head of the Secret Service. An attempt was made to get Morgan and Pearson to see Rowley, but the meeting never happened. Rowley then reported the information to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The FBI had been sitting on the story for a month when the White House, on March 17, 1967, directed the FBI to interview Morgan. The interview was conducted a few days later, but the FBI again declined to investigate further. During the interview, Morgan stated that his clients could disclose the names and locations of some of Castro's counter assassins. He added that one client "laughs with tears in his eyes" (at the committee's report suggesting that Oswald alone killed Kennedy).

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Motivations

The motivation for the large majority of these murders was the elimination of either a witness to one of the major assassinations, or a participant or investigator or an associate involved with the participants in one of the assassinations or cover-ups. The participants were: Jack Ruby, David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, Roland Masferrer, J. Edgar Hoover (in the cover-up), and Robert Perrin. There were four investigators, Jim Koethe, Louis Lomax, Dorothy Kilgallen and Hale Boggs. The rest were witnesses or associates.

Two articles written in 1976 analyzed some of these murders and concluded that they were not accidents or events unconnected with the assassinations of our leaders. A separate analysis by the author demonstrated that 50 of the first 70 of the murders met three criteria for proving death by foul means connected with the major cases. They all involved people linked directly or indirectly to the major assassinations. They all met death under violent or very strange circumstances and there was no autopsy in any of the murders.

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